

BOYNTON IN THE FIELD

The Veteran Newspaper Man Being Urged for Commissioner.

ONCE DECLINED THE OFFICE

A Wild Humour to the Effect That the President Might Appoint a Non-Resident of the District—It Would Be a Violation of the Law.

The District Commissioners fight was given renewed interest yesterday by the announcement that Gen. H. V. Boynton's name has been suggested to the President for the coveted place. Gen. Boynton is a member of the Chickamauga Park Commission, and enjoys both a local and national reputation.

Gen. Boynton is in no sense, however, an aspirant for the position, and it is not known whether or not he would accept it. His friends, however, assert that he would make a most acceptable man for the place, and that his nomination would meet with universal approval. It is said that Gen. Boynton was offered the Commissionership by Gen. Harrison, but declined it. Gen. Boynton is a newspaper man of wide experience, and is well versed in military affairs. The President has given no indication as yet when he will take up the matter relative to the appointment of the District Commissioners. The large number of candidates in the field makes it necessary that Mr. McKinley should proceed slowly before making an appointment. It is said that he will carefully consider the claims of every candidate for the office before he finally determines on a selection.

It has been suggested as the best possible solution of the difficulty that the President will throw the home rule principle in filling the office, and appoint a man from outside of the District, irrespective of his place of residence. As this plan would be impossible without a change of the existing law, which provides that a civilian Commissioner for the District of Columbia shall have been for at least three years a resident of the District, it is hardly probable that the President will even consider the matter.

CULLEN HOLDS THE FORT

Serious Allegations Against Former Well-Known Washingtonians.

Armenian Refugees Said to Be Held Captive in a Virginia Fortress. Escaped Prisoner Insane.

One Armenian refugee is insane as a result of his American experiences since fleeing from the horrors of the Turk, and six others are held prisoners, it is alleged, in the nearby town of Buckton, Va.

Arshak K. Anzianian, the name of the unfortunate man now confined in a cell at police precinct No. 1 to await the result of an inquiry into his sanity and his six countrymen are said to be prisoners in a hotel, or rather a fortress, kept by Charles Cullen & Son, both of whom have a local record.

The story behind these unfortunate beings with the charitable impulse of Mrs. Fessenden, a wealthy Boston lady. Mrs. Fessenden sought for some 50 Armenians who arrived in this country last fall. Among these were kept a strict watch over was Charles Cullen & Son, representing themselves to be proprietors of the Warren White Sulphur Springs Hotel, at Buckton, Va.

Seven of the Armenians were sent to Buckton by Mrs. Fessenden under contracts to work in the hotel, and nothing more was heard of them until the latter part of February. At that time Daniel Caprellian, an Armenian, residing in New York, whose brother was among the Armenians sent to Buckton, received a letter from his brother indicating that all was not as it should be. The "hotel," it was stated, was a house on the top of a mountain surrounded by forests. The place was kept, Caprellian's brother said, by an old man, a younger man and a woman about forty-five years of age. These kept a strict watch over the Armenians, who were virtual prisoners, and were compelled to chop wood in the forest.

They were held in subjection by a display of firearms, and outsiders were prevented from holding communication with the captives by the same means. The hotel was surrounded by a cupola, or turret, from which the Cullens fired guns when people were seen approaching.

This is the story told by Caprellian, and which was communicated to the Washington police by his New York brother. The detectives here, however, could do nothing but write to Caprellian, suggesting that he lay the matter before the sheriff of Warren county, Va., the case being beyond their jurisdiction.

In the meantime B. S. Casbarin, an F Street broker in Oriental runs, had been caring for the wants of a fellow-countryman, A. K. Anzianian, who came to him destitute, saying he had escaped from some bad men who had tried to kill him. Anzianian, who is a young man of about twenty, told Mr. Casbarin that his father and mother had been killed by the Turks during the massacres in Armenia.

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TREATY DEBATE SPIRITLESS

Senator Bacon Spoke in Favor of Chilton's Amendment.

A Senate Bill Introduced for Immediate Appropriation to Strengthen the Mississippi Levees.

Among the petitions and other papers presented by Senators yesterday morning was a memorial from the Monroe Doctrine Club of Philadelphia, presented by Mr. Quay, in favor of Senator Chilton's amendment to the arbitration treaty, and in opposition to the treaty without that amendment, characterizing it as "a craftily constructed political treaty, designed, like the treaty of 1871, to advance the interests of England to the detriment of the United States into the adoption of a reciprocity treaty with Canada."

Mr. Bacon, from the Judiciary Committee, a bill to prohibit the reproduction in the District of Columbia and Territories, by kinesthetic or kindred devices, of pugilistic encounters and fights, and it was placed on the calendar.

Mr. Caffery, from the Committee on Commerce, reported joint resolution appropriating \$250,000 (to be made immediately available) for the improvement of the Mississippi river, from the head of the Passes to the mouth of the Ohio river. This sum is to be taken out of the \$2,500,000 appropriated in the last river and harbor bill. The praiseworthy states that the expenditure is necessary to relieve the flood sufferers and to preserve the lives and property of citizens and the Government works on the river. The joint resolution was passed.

Mr. Allen offered a resolution declaring that the Congress is not possessed of constitutional power to impose tariff taxes on articles of daily consumption by the people for the express and avowed purpose of increasing the private fortunes of any class of its citizens at the expense of the masses. The resolution was laid on the table. Mr. Allen stating that he desired to speak on it tomorrow.

Mr. Pettigrew offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the Civil Service Commission for a statement of the reasons why laborers and workmen in the Government Printing Office and in other departments of the Government are required to submit themselves to competitive examination, contrary to the provisions of the civil service law.

Mr. Berry, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported, and the Senate passed, a bill to approve a compromise and settlement between the United States and the State of Arkansas.

The Senate, at 12:55, on motion of Mr. Davis, went into executive session on the arbitration treaty.

The debate was dull and spiritless and of short duration. Mr. Bacon spoke in favor of such amendments to the convention as should effectually eliminate certain questions from arbitration under the terms of the treaty.

He thought it was essential to either adopt the amendment of Mr. Chilton, which would be to get open and approve any and all propositions proposed to be submitted to arbitration, or to eliminate the great questions involving the Monroe Doctrine, matters of foreign or domestic policy, and kindred subjects, by name. He denied that Lord Salisbury would be quoted in the treaty, as was reported in some of the press dispatches, if it were so amended or if it were made applicable to pecuniary claims only.

Senator Turpie followed with a brief speech in advocacy of the ratification of the treaty as drafted with the committee amendments, and any amendments are subsequently offered, a vote on them is to be taken the next day at 4 o'clock. After that no amendments are to be received and the debate will be directed against the treaty as amended by these votes. Chairman Davis hopes to get the final vote this week.

MAY BE DIAMOND ROBBER.

Jeweler Despoiled to Take a Look at a New York Suspect.

Inspector Hollister yesterday sent a telegram to Jerome D. DeLoe, the street jeweler, to call at police headquarters, saying he had escaped from some bad men who had tried to kill him. Anzianian, who is a young man of about twenty, told Mr. Casbarin that his father and mother had been killed by the Turks during the massacres in Armenia.

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MORE NOMINATIONS MADE

Charlemagne Tower Named for the Austrian Mission.

EVANS TO SUCCEED MURPHY

The Second Assistant Postmaster General, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Consul at Fuchow, China, and Several Registers of Land Offices Also Named.

The President yesterday sent the following nominations to the Senate: State-Charlemagne Tower, of Pennsylvania, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS

HON. HENRY CLAY EVANS.

that he was to have thirty days in which to complete the task.

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"THE CRUCIFIXION"

A Beautiful Rendition of It at St. Mark's Church.

The Pro-Catholic Church of St. Mark's was filled with a brilliant audience last evening to hear "The Crucifixion" sung by the vested choir of the church. The choir, composed of chorists, voices, male and female, was under the direction of Mr. Donald B. McLeod, and Miss Mary P. Ross presided at the organ.

The leading parts were sung by Mr. William D. McFarland, tenor, and Mr. Charles E. Rice, bass.

TO ENFORCE A CONTRACT.

Mr. O'Connor Wants the Browns to Fulfill an Agreement.

A suit in equity was entered yesterday by John F. O'Connor against Mary Jane Brown, John Brown, and Henry Wex, to enforce a contract for the sale to the complainant of lot 6, square 414. The complainant alleged that he offered to purchase the property, tendering therefor the sum of \$800 in cash, but stipulated

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RAILROADS AT VARIANCE

The Anacostia Line Objects to the Brown Electric System.

Question Is Brought Before the Commissioners on the Capital Company's Application.

There was a spirited contest before the Commissioners yesterday afternoon between the Capital Railway Company and the Anacostia and Potomac River Railway Company, over the application of the former corporation for a permit to introduce a new electric method of propulsion, known as the Brown system, from the north end of the Navy Yard Bridge, up Eleventh street to M street, and thence to the Navy yard.

This is a short section of the Capital Company's projected line from Congress Heights to an intersection with the Metropolitan Electric Railway, at East Capitol and Eleventh streets. It is objected to by the Anacostia and Potomac River Railway Company, because the Capital Company's line will traverse a portion of the Anacostia tracks, now abandoned, and it is Mr. Griswold's contention that the placing of a new motive power on its route may interfere with the introduction of some other system which he may want to employ.

Mr. Griswold was present at the hearing with Mr. John Barnard, as counsel, and Messrs. Randle, president of O. G. Staples and B. T. Wilson, the latter a New York capitalist of prominence, appeared for the Capital Company, with Mr. J. J. Purdon as counsel. Upon hearing the testimony of the witnesses, the Commissioners, it was charged by the opposition that his protest was unjust and unreasonable.

The proposed Brown system is said to be in successful operation in Johnston, Pa., where Capt. Beach recently to inspect it. From his knowledge of the system, the Commissioners seem to be favorably impressed, but have not decided as yet to grant the permit.

The company is to put in the system here on trial, guaranteeing to remove it at the end of four months, without cost, in case it should be found to be unsatisfactory to the Commissioners.

It is operated on the contact principle. A series of plates with curved tops are placed between the rails about eight feet apart. They project slightly above the surface. A magnetized shoe placed underneath the rails touches the plates in passing and completes the connection.

After hearing both sides, the Commissioners granted Mr. Barnard, the Anacostia Company's counsel, until 3 o'clock today to make further investigations as to the effect the system may have upon the future operation of that road.

A protest was later filed with the Commissioners by a number of residents of the southeast section of the city. It is as follows: "We, merchants and residents of Eleventh street southeast, between M street and the bridge, protest against the granting of a permit to install the ball, button, or plate system of electricity involving propulsion above the pavement on said street. This street has more travel than any of southeast Washington, and to permit an experimental system, and one that would not be allowed on any other street, is an important street, would be a discrimination and an injustice, unwarranted, and not contemplated in legislation, where representations were made that the best system known would be adopted."

The signers of the protest are: Talbot & McFarland, R. T. Talbot, L. C. Otterbach, P. B. Ryan, Ryan & Barnard, William K. Teasdale, F. B. Otterbach, M. Falcione, John H. Gates, Elias Hoff, John T. Campbell, W. E. Frazier, R. E. Hoar, Mrs. M. K. Davis, Meyer Rosenberg, L. Rosenbaum, James D. Quigley, R. Hamilton, W. H. Spencer, Harry C. Talbot, William Rohde, J. T. Campbell & Son, Joshua Clarke, W. W. Nalley, and A. Nalley.

UNITED PRESS ASSIGNS.

It Will Not Interfere With the Association's Press Service.

New York, March 29.—At a meeting of the directors of the United Press of New York, held this afternoon, a general assignment for the benefit of creditors was made to the auditor and assistant secretary of the company, Frederick G. Mason.

He will continue the business of the United Press, if the courts and the creditors agree, pending a readjustment of their present arrangements by papers heretofore served by the United Press.

It is understood that there will be no difficulty in arranging with the creditors to continue the service as outlined above.

A CLEVER THIEF'S RUSE

How Housekeepers in the Northeast Section Have Been Victimized.

Obtains Entrance to Their Houses by Representing Himself as a Paraphernalist by Landlord.

Housekeepers in the northeast section of the city have recently been suffering from the operations of a colored sneak thief who has made several rich hauls during the past week.

The man's scheme is to select a list of houses rented by some well-known real estate agent, and go to the tenants requesting them to let him in to see their houses. According to his story he says that the agent has instructed him to come and scrape the walls of certain rooms which are in need of papering, and that the paper-hanger will be around on the day following to finish the job. The clever housewife is always ready to have the walls of her home repapered, and in several instances which have recently come to light has been somewhat surprised at the undesired liberality of the landlord.

The negro then makes a tour through the house, ostensibly to see which room is most in need of repair, and to select where he will begin his work. This is merely a ruse, as he is simply taking in the furnishings of the various rooms, to see what he can best get away with. As soon as the housewife is out of his sight he picks up all the small and valuable articles he can lay hands on, and then he begins to scrape the walls, he makes the pretext of having to leave for a few moments, and does not return, and an investigation is made, numerous articles are found to be missing.

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INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

CONDITION OF THE CAPITAL MATURITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Capital stock and surplus, \$1,800,000.00. Assets, \$1,800,000.00. Liabilities, \$1,800,000.00. Expenditures for six months, \$1,800,000.00. Balance, \$1,800,000.00.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE AMERICAN BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, at the close of business, on the 31st day of December, 1896, as required by act of Congress, approved July 29, 1892.

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